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INFO AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

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SUBJECT: NORDIC COUNCIL RELATIONS WITH COMECON

REF: (A) STOCKHOLM 3835; AND (B) COPENHAGEN 2701

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY (COUNSELOR ULF SLOTTE) ANNOUNCED TO PRESS ON OCTOBER 29 THAT PROPOSAL FOR AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION BETWEEN NORDIC MINISTERIAL COUNCIL AND COMECON "WAS NOT A MATTER OF CURRENT INTEREST" TO FINLAND. FURTHER, THAT PROPOSED TRIP TO MOSCOW OF AMBASSADOR OLLI BERGMAN, HEAD OF MINISTERIAL COUNCIL SECRETARIAT, WAS TO "ACQUAINT HIMSELF WITH OPERATION OF INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT, AND RECIPROCALLY, TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF OPERATION OF NORIDC MINISTERIAL COUNCIL."

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2. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY INQUIRY, FOREIGN MINISTRY
AND MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY OFFICIALS DENIED
THAT FINLAND HAD OR WAS PROPOSING NEGOTIATIONS FOR
FORMAL AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO
ORGANIZATIONS. MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY OFFICIAL
(BROR WAHLROOS) WHO ATTENDED RECENT NORDIC COUNCIL
MINISTERIAL ADDED THAT THERE IS "NO REASON FOR FINLAND TO
MAKE SUCH A PROPOSAL" BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT AMBASSADOR
BERGMAN, BECAUSE OF HIS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE, WOULD
BE INTERESTED IN FOSTERING THIS IDEA. BERGMAN IS
EXPECTED TO VISIT IN ADDITION TO MOSCOW, GENEVA
AND BRUSSELS TO CONSULT WITH APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS.
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